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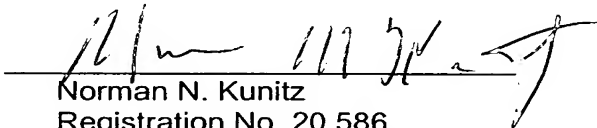
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As can be seen from the Search Report, all of the identified references are indicated as being in Category A, i.e., showing the technological background of the invention. Moreover, as can be seen from the Preliminary Examination Report, all of the claims were found to be allowable over the three references cited in the International Search Report.

Since all requirements for the filing of Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is requested that the Examiner consider all of the identified references and indicate such consideration by enclosing a properly initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 with the initial Office Action.

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